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**SERVICES**

Sunday Bible Study 9:45am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**WEB PAGE**

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**MISSIONS**

-Dustin Bolks  
**Sioux Center, Ia.**  
-Dahn Ramkelawan  
**Suriname, So. America**  
-Michael Mayo  
**Thailand, SE Asia**  
-*"In Search of the Lord's  
Way"* TV broadcast  
-Stephane Maillet  
**SEIBS student**  
-Brandon Foresha  
**WVSOP student**

**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)


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VERILY,  
VERILY, I  
SAY UNTO YOU,  
EXCEPT A  
*corn of wheat*  
FALL INTO THE  
GROUND AND DIE,  
IT ABIDETH ALONE:

BUT IF IT DIE,  
IT BRINGETH FORTH  
*much fruit*

JOHN 12:24

**We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:**  
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"  
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the  
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

## God's Response to Repentance

The opening chapter of the prophecy of Joel involves a description of the calamities God would bring upon the people of Judah because of their sins, including a locust plagued unequaled in the history of the land, a drought, and an ensuing famine. Joel 2:1-17 gives a metaphorical description of the carnage the army of locusts would wreak upon Zion. Then God issues a call to repentance in Joel 2:12-17. If the people would tear their hearts on the inside—weeping and fasting—rather than merely the outward display of tearing their garments, then the Lord would be merciful (Joel 2:12-13). What follows is a description of what the Lord would do for His people who had repented. It is important for us to understand the attitude God has for His people who turn to Him in repentance.

God would be jealous for His land and pity His people (Joel 2:18). Notice both the land and the people are called "His." The jealousy of God refers to His zeal and devotion for what is properly His. When one commits an offense against the Lord, His jealousy/zeal is kindled (Exodus 20:5; Deuteronomy 4:24; 32:21; Joshua 24:19; Isaiah 42:13; Zephaniah 3:8). Moreover, when His people suffer, His jealousy is triggered (Ezekiel 36:1-5; Zechariah 1:14-17; 8:1-8). Thus, the jealousy that brought destruction to Judah because they would not give God what was properly His would be the same as the zeal that would come to the aid of those who had repented and come back to Him.

God would send corn, wine, and oil (Joel 2:19-20) to reverse what the locusts (1:10) and the drought (1:19-20) had cut off. In answer to the prayer in 2:17, God would no more make the people a reproach among the heathen nations (2:19). The invading army from the north so often referred to in the prophets as a threat to God's people (Isaiah 41:25; Jeremiah 1:14-15; 4:6; 6:1; 10:22; 13:20; 26:24; 47:2; 50:3, 9; 51:48; Ezekiel 26:7; 38:15; 39:2; Daniel 11:15-45) would be far removed (Joel 2:20). The joy and gladness that had been cut off (Joel 1:16) would return because of what the Lord would do (2:21). Indeed, it was God who caused this great change. He would send the rain so that the threshing floors could be full of wheat and the vats could overflow with oil and wine (Joel 2:23-24). Because of their repentance, God promises, "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed" (Joel 2:25-27).

God is a consuming fire to those who transgress His will and fail to render what is due Him who alone is the Almighty God. However, He is a powerful force for healing and restoration in the lives of those who in penitence turn to Him. Have you repented of your sins?

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons This Week

**10:45 AM:** *"What Is the Church?"*

**6:00 PM:** *"A Grain of Wheat"*

**Scripture Reading:** John 12:20-33

## Food Cabinet Needs

We are asking for specific food donations for our food cabinet right now. This week we ask for soups, vegetable or olive oil, and peanut butter. **But, please, no corn or green beans.** We are well stocked on those. Remember, members, that you can use your benevolent fund allotment for people you know who are in need & not a member, up to \$200/year total.

## Daily Bible Reading Calendars

Our 2019 Daily Bible Reading calendars are now available. Please, take some home to give to friends and neighbors. These are free of charge.

## Dates to Remember

**Nov 27-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex

**Nov 30-** Ladies luncheon- 12p- Cheddars

**Dec 1-** Scott family pancake breakfast-8a

**Dec 4-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex

**Dec 8-** Ladies Holiday Party @ Kathy Hall's home- 6p

**Dec 11-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex

**Dec 16-** Goshorn Baby Shower- 3-5p- annex

**Dec 16-** elders/deacons/preachers- 4:30p

**Dec 18-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex

**Jan 6-** Poling Baby Shower- 3-5p-annex

## A New Brother & Sister In Christ

Billy and Lauren Gibson were baptized Nov. 20th by Mark Day. Billy and Lauren live with 2 daughters, Indy and Elizabeth Grace, at 70 E. 5th Ave., South Shore, KY 41175. Their cell number is 606-694-1549. Please, make them feel welcomed.

## Scott Family's Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Dec. 1, at 8am in the annex, the Scott family will have their annual pancake breakfast. You need only bring your syrup and toppings to share. Please, sign up on the foyer board for planning purposes. Thanks.

## Ladies Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 6pm, all ladies are invited to the home of Greg & Kathy Hall for a fun-filled, food-filled evening. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer board for planning purposes. There is a optional \$10 limit gift exchange if you want to participate.

## Annual Book Reading Challenge

Our 2019 Reading Challenge has begun. Please, sign up on the foyer bulletin board, then read 6 books in 5 months. The book list and rules are on the foyer table. See Jerry Sturgill for the gift book for participation.

## Gauging Our Faith

	11/18/18	Goal	11/19/17
<b>Bible Study</b>	106	110	101
<b>AM Worship</b>	148	160	148
<b>PM Worship</b>	94	110	96
<b>Mid Week</b>	nc	110	nc
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6140.64	\$5900.00	\$5708.35

**Have you contacted  
a shut-in lately?  
Why not today?**



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Hall

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Dan Stone

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Greg Conley

**PM:** Brad Morris

### **LORD'S TABLE:**

**Presiding AM:** Jason Ridgeway

**Assisting:** Daniel Goshorn,  
George Wallace, Ben Poling,  
Steve Wallace, Luke Wallace,  
Auston Clarkson, Mark Gullett

**Presiding PM:** Nathan Adkins

**Assisting:** John Gambill

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**PM:** Denny Deskins

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Jeremiah Smith

**PRAYER:** George Wallace

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jerry Sturgill

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** Matt Vonderheide

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Nathan Adkins

**ATTENDANCE:** Michael Perry

**COORDINATOR:** J.C. Hughes

## ★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Every Sunday ★★★

**Pew Packers**

**at 5:45pm**

**in front auditorium**

**geared to age 12 & younger,  
but everyone can come.**

**-Boys: have a song  
ready to lead-**

★★★ Dec. 1st ★★★

**Scotts' Pancake Breakfast!!**

**8am in the annex**

**Bring your syrup, toppings and  
parents... Sign-up on the foyer board**



## Welcome, Visitor!

**We are so pleased to have you as  
our guest today.**

**If you are a first-time visitor with us,  
please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you  
find on the back of the pew. Please, put it  
in the collection plate or hand it to one of  
the men at the doors as you exit.**

We have tract racks on the wall in the  
foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We  
offer **free Bible correspondence courses** you  
can receive by mail at no cost to you. Let  
our preacher know if you would like to set  
up an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you  
for attending.